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Make a hole, make it wide ...

Far right, Friday, subcontractors for Modern Technologies Corp. bore a hole 12 feet beneath the south end of the runway to make way for an Air Force-wide communications upgrade. This excavation will be used to connect the east side of Yokota Air Base to fiber optic cables which are part of the Combat Information Transport System. At this depth there shouldn't be any obstructions that could prevent the completion of this 350 foot dig across the airfield.

Right, other workers remove excavated earth from one of five large buckets used to collect it. All of the dirt mud and rocks that were removed to prepare for this dig will be replaced after they have completed their operations here. For more information about this operation and CITS see the next week's Fuji Flyer.



photos by Staff Sgt. Alan S. Williams

Yokota NCOs join mission to Vietnam

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office

Three Team Yokota members recently joined an Alaska C-130 crew in providing relief supplies to victims of massive flooding in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

Master Sgt. Terrance Bethea and Staff Sgt. Shane Dynes, from the 374th Security Forces Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Tina Williams, from the 374th Communications Squadron, joined a crew from the 517th Airlift Squadron, from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, which had been on a 30-day rotation here.

The crew first flew into Andersen AFB, Guam, and picked up 87 cartons of plastic sheeting, enough to shelter 4,000 people. The next day they arrived at Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhut airport and were greeted by teenagers from the Vietnamese Red Cross and other dignitaries.

"When we landed in Vietnam both times they had a large reception," said Dynes, who performed security for the rear of the aircraft. "They had people with banners on, like a runner would wear, with the Red Cross and on back the Crescent Moon and Red Cross along with hats and pins. Someone gave a speech, they took a bunch of pictures, shook hands and smiled a lot."

"They were very enthusiastic," said Williams, who provided photographic coverage of the mission. "They could hardly wait to get the supplies. Everybody wanted to help unload. The people were all very gracious and very friendly."

"Richard Mickelson, from the Red Cross, spoke at the ceremony about how some of the children there would be sleeping in their beds and a wave would come and turn over their beds and they would drown in their own houses," she said. "It was a very moving experience."

After the ceremony, the crew flew to a small island in the Philippines and picked up two water purification systems, each capable of providing clean water for approximately 10,000 people. There was another ceremony to accept the purification units, which were whisked away to where they were needed.

"It was interesting being there," said Dynes. "They would all look at us because we were taller than the average person over there. They'd look and point and talk to each other about us. We would just stand there and smile. The people who were helping with the aircraft fuel and whatever else we needed were willing and helpful and waving hi. It was nice. I think they were happy to get the stuff they got."

According to Vietnamese disaster relief officials, more than 400 people have been killed, of which more than 250 were children, in the worst flooding to hit the Mekong River in 40 years. Floods in the past six weeks have affected nearly

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Major League Baseball All - Stars to visit

By Major Stephen Clutter
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Several Major League baseball players plan to visit Yokota Air Base Sunday. The event will be held at noon at Wilkins Field but, selected participants should arrive at 11:30 a.m.

The event, sponsored by the 374th Services Division, will include an autograph session, a throwing, fielding and hitting clinic for kids and a picnic. Players also plan to give away MLB items.

The players who will visit Yokota include Jeff Kent of the San Francisco Giants, Omar Vizquel of the Cleveland Indians, Carlos Delgado of the Toronto Blue Jays, Gary Sheffield and Shawn Green of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Luis Gonzalez of the Arizona Diamondbacks, Keith Foulke of the Chicago White Sox, Troy Glaus of the California Angels, Mike Myers of the Colorado Rockies and Danny Graves of the Cincinnati Reds. The MLB players will be in Japan this week to play a series of games against Japanese players.

The clinic and autograph session will be offered to a limited number of kids, ages 9-15. Sign-up at the east or west youth center or Teen Center. However, all personnel are invited to watch. A picnic is scheduled right after the autograph session.

The player's arrival is dependent upon weather conditions. If they are not able to arrive via helicopter, a cancellation announcement will be aired on channel 18 Sunday morning.

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30 provinces in Vietnam. Thousands of people had to flee the rising water, many of them are now homeless.

“We could see the flooding when we flew over,” said Dynes. “The water had run over into the rice fields into the towns and everything. It seemed like there was an awful lot of flooding. To add to that it was raining when we dropped off the first supplies.”

Rising water levels and minor flooding in Ho Chi Minh City caused authorities to limit the number of big ships moving in and out of the Saigon River. This was because the high water levels made it tricky for ships to move under bridges and to try to prevent flooding caused by their wash. The limits made airlift the best alternative and the U.S. Air Force was able to assist.

“It’s a good feeling to have the means to reach out and help these people in need and be a direct part in providing aid,” said Capt. Mike Miller, the aircraft commander.

“It was memorable,” Dynes said of the mission. “When the mission first came down, they asked for volunteers and I volunteered. You don’t get the opportunity to fly into Vietnam let alone do something this worthwhile.”

Williams agreed, “We were very proud to be helping the Vietnamese people in this way. I’m glad America and the U.S. Air Force was able to lend a helping hand.”

You are getting sleepy ...



Left, Sailor Moon, better know as Elena Mederas pokes fun at The Wizard, also known as Ivan Hess. This isn’t a good idea for Halloween, he could cast a powerful spell over her. Below, Princess Jasmin, also know as Kaitlyn Clutter performs an Arabian dance for the crowd using the sacred Hula Hoop.



photos by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams

New day for commissary shoppers here

By Rick Brink
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, VA. — Customers shopping in the Yokota commissary can now see many positive changes resulting from a recent customer focus group.

Customers gave their comments to Patt Courter, wife of Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr., in a recent focus group session. Out of the many comments received, the one to improve shopping opportunities for single shift workers is one of the more visible changes the store has made.

They asked if the commissary could stay open later to better accommodate the work schedules of our single shoppers. An immediate solution was to extend shopping hours to 8 p.m. on Thursday nights. The question, “Why is the commissary closed on Tuesday when a U.S. holiday falls on Monday?” was also quickly responded to. Beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day, the commissary will be open Tuesdays whenever Monday is a U.S. holiday.

A long-time commissary shopper, Mrs. Courter said she likes to conduct the focus groups to introduce young active-duty members to the benefits of using the commissary. Comments and suggestions from groups help the stores provide better customer service.

James Morris, store director, agreed that focus groups are a good way to keep in touch with customers, and said the store is implementing a regular schedule of focus groups.

“We need to do a better job of reaching our customers ,” he said. “In addition to the focus groups, our staff is available to speak to any customer group that wants to learn more about the commissary benefit.”

Discussions included variety of produce. To respond to their concerns, the produce manager is working to improve both the quality and selection. Recently, 35 new products have been added to the 270 - item selection and additional varieties, based on customer demand, can be stocked.

By working more closely with suppliers, we can provide customers with the best selection.

“Customers are the key players in the item selection process because their preferences influence which products are carried, Morris said.

Participants questioned why shelves were sometimes empty during peak shopping periods. At the present, shelf stocking is a major focus in most commissaries. The bar has been raised for all commissaries to meet (and exceed) the in-stock rates to satisfy customer demand for products. Commissary Officials are working out the details to keep shelves fully stocked for early shoppers as well as those who shop in the evening.

Mrs. Courter told attendees, “Keeping the shelves filled is one of our major objectives. “You can’t buy it if we don’t have it on the shelf for you.”

The bakery was also discussed resulting in immediate improvements. New products have been introduced, and plans are underway to expand the entire department.

The success of the focus group in making some immediate changes was evidence that the Courters are genuinely interested in customers’ needs and desires. A new day is indeed dawning at the Yokota commissary — the best yet to come!

The Defense Commissary Agency, headquartered at Fort Lee, operates a worldwide chain of nearly 300 commissaries to provide groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families.

Commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the construction of new commissaries and the modernization of existing stores. Patrons enjoy substantial savings on their purchases. A typical family of four regularly shopping at the commissary can save more than \$2, 000 per year. These savings enhance the quality of life for America’s military and their families. A valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries help the United States recruit and keep the best and the brightest men and women in the service of their country.

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Heating season around corner

By Master Sgt. Anthony Morikawa
374th Civil Engineer Squadron

The heating season is almost here and deciding when to activate the heating systems and deactivate the cooling systems on base is always a challenge because of personal comfort levels.

The main focus is to maintain temperatures at levels that enhance quality of life for the majority of base residents and employees, plus be good stewards of the energy we use as well as U.S. and host nation funding. It has been determined that most people feel comfortable indoors when the air is 75 degrees Fahrenheit and 45 percent relative humidity. Although it is impossible to achieve any one level of temperature and humidity conditions that will make everyone comfortable we have developed a plan that will make the majority of people very comfortable. To determine seasonal changeover, the following criteria will be used.

When the required temperature and relative humidity conditions are reached the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron will turn off air conditioning systems. The no heat-no cool season generally lasts from three to four weeks. During this time cooling systems are shut down to prepare heating systems to be turned on. With the type of heating and cooling systems that affect many facilities on Yokota

it is imperative that we have the no heat-no cool season to perform maintenance and allow the water temperatures in the systems to warm in preparation for the heating season. When this is done properly heating system turn-on is practically trouble free. When the heating system is turned on immediately following the shut down of the cooling system it causes additional stress on the equipment, increasing the chance of a system failure, and reducing the life expectancy of the system.

Following are requirements to begin the no cooling season by category:

— Mission Critical Facilities: These facilities are not included in the no heat-no cool season due to mission requirements.

— High-Use and Poorly Ventilated Facilities, Military Family Housing, Unaccompanied Personnel Housing and Department of Defense Dependent Schools: The cooling season ends when the five-day average minimum temperature-humidity mix of the outside air, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., is equivalent to 72 degrees at 45 percent relative humidity or lower.

— All Other Facilities: The cooling season ends when the five-day minimum temperature-humidity mix of the outside air, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., is equivalent to 74 degrees and 45 percent relative humidity or lower.

To begin the heating season the required temperature

and relative humidity conditions must be reached before 374 CES will turn on heating systems.

Following are the requirements to begin the heating season by category:

— Mission Critical Facilities: Heating systems will be activated based on mission needs regardless of outside weather conditions.

— High-Use and Poorly Ventilated, Military Family Housing, Unaccompanied Personnel Housing and Department of Defense Dependent Schools: The heating season will begin when the five-day average maximum temperature-humidity mix of the outside air, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., is equivalent to 62 degrees at 45 percent relative humidity or lower.

— All Other Facilities: The heating season will begin when the five-day average minimum temperature-humidity mix of outside air, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., is equivalent to 58 degrees at 45 percent relative humidity or lower.

Everyone in the 374th CES continually strives to maintain a comfortable living environment for everyone on Yokota. The goal is to provide a seamless and comfortable move from the cooling to the heating season. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Call customer service at 225-5790 or 225-5791 if you have any questions or problems with your facility.

Assistant SecDef visits New Zealand Defense Force chief visits Yokota

By Staff Sgt. Alan Williams
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy Alphonso Maldon paid a visit to the Yokota community Oct. 25 -26.

Maldon is responsible for policies, plans and programs for military and civilian personnel management, recruitment, education, career development equal opportunity, compensation, recognition, discipline and separation of all Department of Defense personnel both military and civilian.

The responsibility for Quality of Life issues for all the armed forces is one of the many things that fall under his far reaching umbrella of responsibility.

While he was here Maldon held several sensing sessions to with both enlisted personnel and officers to get a feel of what issues are of concern to Yokota people.

There are many different things that are in the works for military members. "Beginning in Oct. 2001, all enlisted people will get a subsistence allowance," said Maldon.

Other things on the drawing board are:

— Dislocation allowance for E-1s through E-4s. As it is now these grades are the only ones that are not authorized this allowance during permanent change of station moves.

— The possibility of tax incentives like exemption for personnel serving in overseas locations.

Maldon talked of ways he, his staff and many of the committees of which he is member are working the myriad of issues that were mentioned in his previous sessions around the world.

Yokota Air Base frequently plays host to high-level dignitaries. A visit last week by New Zealand's top military officer was part business and part pleasure, for 374th Airlift Wing vice commander Col. Mark. Bartels.

Bartels, who once served as a foreign exchange officer with the Royal New Zealand Air Force, hosted his former squadron commander on a base tour and wing mission briefing.

Air Marshal Carey Adamson, chief of New Zealand's defense forces, visited Yokota Oct. 25th, where he met with U.S. Forces Japan officials, as well as touring the base.

Bartels served as a C-130H training officer with the No. 40 Squadron, based in Auckland, from May 1983 to May 1986. Adamson commanded the squadron from July 1982 to March 1984. He has served as New Zealand's defense force chief since February 1999.



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Carey Adamson**

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No one comes close to our Air Force

By Lt. Col. John Ahern
374th Civil Engineer Squadron

As I read Stars and Stripes the other day, an interviewee said the key to keeping them in was increased promotion opportunities. Other people cited quality of life themes at their bases and posts as being the key for them. This made me reflect on Yokota's improvements over the years.

Did you know it wasn't more than five years ago that the wait for military housing was measured in years? Now we house most people within days of their arrival. In some cases, people opt to wait so they can live in a certain area of the base or because they would rather live in a garden unit versus a tower. This is the best housing situation in Pacific Air Forces Command and the best in Japan for all services — thanks to the planning efforts of our predecessors.

When I went to the Right Start briefings after my arrival, Col. Mark Volcheff, former 374th Airlift Wing commander, discussed the minimal number of air-conditioned housing and the need for new people to buy air conditioning units upon their arrival. Since then, we have fought for and gotten approval, as the Air Force's only test base, to issue window air conditioners. We were

able to squeeze funds from our budget to start this unbudgeted program last year and we now issue one unit to staff sergeants and below. Some last minute year-end funding, almost \$150,000, has allowed us to order enough units to take care of everyone but field grade officers and some of the senior and chief master sergeants ranks and their civilian equivalents. As we get the funds we'll buy out the one per unit program. If you're a sponsor for an inbound person, please direct them to the self-help store for their air conditioner!

During our October IRRE came word of another quality of life success — an increase in household goods weight allowance for Yokota effective for shipments on or after Nov. 1. A copy of the letter detailing the increase is being sent to your mayors, but the details are that the restricted weight allowance for all Air Force military members on command sponsored tours to or from Yokota has increased to 4,000 pounds or 50 percent of their authorized full Joint Federal Travel Regulation weight allowance, whichever is greater. The allowance for AF civilians has increased to 9,000 pounds.

These tangible changes, coupled with intangible changes in our culture like, town meetings for Yokota residents, have netted

significant improvements in the exchange of information and elimination of some irritants. The Mayor and Senior Occupant program is getting into full swing, providing our communities with a greater neighborhood environment. Improving the Yokota communities and culture is a work in progress that requires us all to exercise leadership in our off-duty as well as on-duty actions. This brings me back to the Stars and Stripes interview, as a commander I often hear talk about promotions and promotion opportunities. But I increasingly see people who believe a promotion is a means to a pay raise but shouldn't come with increased responsibility. This is a part of the "no responsibility" cancer in our culture here — something we need to eradicate.

Where do I see this cancer? In senior ranking residents who don't want to be mayors or senior occupants; in unaccompanied housing floor senior occupants who do not ensure their buddies clean up the day rooms and kitchens after a party; in officers who argue with customer service folks over something they have little control over but which leaves other customers shaking their heads; in the parents who fail to teach their children to comply with base skate board and scooter policies; and in skateboarders who continue to damage our skateboard park. It cuts across all ranks and grades and it will

take all of us to continue to work towards eliminating it. It takes moving past the "somebody else will take care of it" attitude.

I'm seeing some signs of the cure as well. We have residents who are using their mayors to identify ways to improve communities, people identifying energy misuse and others who are working past the first "I'm too busy" level to seek resolution. Some of the ideas are tried immediately, some require research while others require money, but they all help communicate the desire to improve our community. Fire Prevention Week also provided an opportunity to see our teenagers and younger children working to improve our community.

As I close, I see Yokota providing the quality of life and the opportunities for all of our members to excel and people throughout the base striving to improve quality of life at Yokota even further. We can continue to make improvements, but we also need to realize where we've been to realize how great life at Yokota is today and where we lead the Air Force. Taking care of our home and our families has been long recognized as a critical part of ensuring readiness . . . this is what ensures "no one comes close" to our Air Force. Together we can ensure Yokota is leading the charge to ensure America's Air Force stays out front into the future.

Action Line

**Call 225-TEAM or email
action.lines@yokota.af.mil**

Fitness Center Hours

Q I have seen a precipitous trend downward in customer service at the Main Fitness Facility over the years. When I first arrived a few years ago the facility was split into two buildings, one for weight equipment and the other for aerobic activity. Plus, they had very liberal hours of operation. Then the weight facility had to move into the Main Fitness Center because the old building was to be demolished. Actually, the equipment used up half the basketball court. To top it off, the facility operational hours were increased to 24 hours! Yokota had the best fitness program anywhere.

But times have dramatically changed. A small inadequate room in the Main Fitness Center was created to house



Col. Mark Zamzow
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the free weights to accommodate the entire Yokota base population's body building needs. I had recommended the equipment be moved into a different building to allow more work out space to its patrons, but no one wants to move into smaller quarters. Who can blame them! But where is the customer base?

Then I witnessed the worst. The Main Fitness hours were reduced on weekends and holidays! While everyone else is definitely coming up with new ways to be more efficient and doing more with less, they cut their hours on weekends! I was heart broken, demoralized and stunned. When you ask why the hours were cut so severely, you get a long answer you don't want to hear. All you want to do is work off a few pounds before you get started into your day. Many of us don't differentiate between weekdays and weekends.

I think the Fitness Center can do better. Can the Fitness Center hire to fill the shortfalls? How about contracting out the positions?

I hope something can be done to improve the situation at the Fitness Center, because I view it on par with importance with my normal duties at work. Thank you.

A Thank you for bringing your concerns about the Fitness Center to our attention. We have looked into the issues concerning the free weight room and the possibility of relocating the facility; unfortunately, there is not another facility

available. However, the Yokota Fitness Center has been identified by the Air Force for a future new facility. Fitness Center hours were reduced due to a Services Air Expeditionary Force deployment. Staff manning dropped from 11 to 4, significantly reducing our ability to provide the same level of service during normal hours. AEF commitments similarly affected all Services operations, and we unfortunately had to reduce hours of operation for the three month AEF period. Management did hire temporary over-hires which allowed the Fitness Center to continue providing quality service even though hours were reduced from 4 a.m. - midnight everyday to 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Despite the shortage of personnel, the Fitness Center staff has made every effort to improve customer service by providing numerous community physical fitness programs and special events during this period, such as the Friendship Festival Body Building Show, Goodie Mobb all-star basketball classic and a number of 5k runs. The staff also provided all the core intramural programs and supported the varsity program events. AEF deployers have since returned and the Fitness Center has returned to regular operating hours.

For information concerning the Fitness Center contact Master Sgt. Delroy Whittaker at 225-8889.

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Yokota's DUI Program

Units having DUI arrests (Oct. 25 - 31)

None

"DUI/ Free" streak: 32 days (as of Oct. 31)

Drink & Drive

Yokota's punishments for drinking and driving:

.05-.07 BAC = 14 days walking and 6 points

.08-.09 BAC = 90 days walking and 6 points

.10 and above = 365 days walking and 6 points

DWI/DUI running totals: Oct. — 0; year to date — 41

Call 225-RIDE

Farming Yokota style

By Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Van Vleet
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Tokorozawa and Owada are just two of the many farms in Japan, but you would be surprised by what they plant there. They are Yokota's remote high frequency communication sites, both sporting antenna farms.

Each site is located within a 25-kilometer radius of Yokota, and both play a major role in Yokota's link with the outside world. These remote sites provide the receiving and transmitting ability for high frequency global communication.

"We support diplomatic missions, emergency actions messages, Air Force flying missions, weather and the Seventh Fleet's ship-to-shore communications," said Master Sgt. Roland Weaver, superintendent, A-shift, HF Radio Systems, 374th Communications Squadron.

"High Frequency, or long haul communications, allows planes over the middle of the Pacific to communicate with anyone anywhere in the world," said Weaver. "If a plane is low on fuel, the crew can call for help using their HF radio and we pass the information to the closest tanker base and a tanker can be launched for refueling."

Another important and recently acquired mission at the Owada site is the Global Weather Intercept Program. "A 21-person Japanese national staff monitor's real-world weather information and relays this raw data, put out by various locations throughout the world, to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.," said Weaver. Tinker is home to the National Weather Service, Radar Operations Center.

HF transmission doesn't need much power. In a way, HF is like having the largest and most powerful CB radio, said Weaver. "HF has the ability to travel very, very far. Unlike UHF and VHF, which transmit in megawatts, our stuff is lower in frequency and uses a lot less power."

The two sites are located about 10 kilometers from each other, both about 10 miles northeast of the base. "...you can't have them sitting side by side," said Weaver. "You want to have the transmitting and receiving sites at a distance from each other so you can monitor transmissions to ensure it is sent and received."



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Van Vleet

Both sites have numerous antennas sprouting from the earth covering most of the land. Cultivating these farms, maintenance people along with operators from Yokota's 374th Communications Squadron travel to each site daily in an effort to ensure Yokota's link with the outside world remains intact.



Left, the microwave tower at Owada overshadows the facility. Above, working on one of many self-help projects at Owada, Staff Sgt. Joplin Cox, holds a board steady as Staff Sgt. Chris Burch gets ready to cut, both are ground radio maintenance technicians. Below, a close-up view of the power supply to the Scope Command panel at Tokorozawa.



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Movies

The movie schedule is as follows:
Today — *Pokemon 2000*, PG, 6:30 p.m.; *The Contender*, R, 9 p.m.
Saturday — *Bless the Child*, R, 6:30 p.m.; *The Replacements*, PG-13, 9 p.m.
Sunday — *Pokemon 2000*, PG, 2 p.m.; *The Contender*, R, 7 p.m.
Monday — *The Replacements*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — *Bless the Child*, R, 7 p.m.
Wednesday — *Bless the Child*, R, 7 p.m.
Thursday — *Bedazzled*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For information, call 225-8708.

Commander’s Channel

The Channel 18 schedule is as follows: “Family Views” video for Nov. 3 - 9 is *The Power of Choice: Drinking and Driving*— 7 p.m.
The number one cause of death for people in their late teen and early twenties is drunk driving. Many teens admit that they knowingly rode with a driver who was using drugs or alcohol. In this program, comedian and teen counselor Michael Pritchard visits with teens to talk about how to stay out of or get out of drinking and driving situations and still be cool.
Mobility 101 briefing from Sept. 7 commander’s call — 8 and 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 8 p.m.

A/C shutdown

Yokota has entered the “no heat/no cool” period. Base civil engineers have started shutting down air condition systems beginning with critical facilities, normal and high use facilities as well as housing. For more information, call CE customer service at 225-5790 or 225-5791.

Housing relocation

The Housing Office and facilities section have moved to Bldg. 937. Their customer service hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday and from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 225-8636.

Road closure

Castle St. from Wilkins St. to Bong St. will be closed until Nov. 15 in two phases. Phase I: Wilkins to Eaker St. until Nov. 8. Phase II: Eaker to Bong from Nov. 9 to 15.

For more information, call 225-8123.

Holiday mail deadlines

The mailing deadlines for Yokota’s Post Office for the 2000 Christmas season are as follows:
— Space available mail, Nov. 24.
— Parcel airlift mail, Dec. 1.
— Priority, Dec. 8.
— Letter mail, Dec. 8.
— Express, Dec. 19.
People who have five or more boxes should use the appointment system.
For more information, call 225-7220.

Enlisted dining-in

Yokota is holding an Enlisted Dining-In at 6 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Enlisted Club. See your first sergeant for more information.

Delta dental

The Military Personnel Flight will no longer provide assistance for United Concordant (Delta Dental). Questions or concerns should be directed directly to United Concordant from 3 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST at (717)975-5017 or e-mail fmdpoconus@ucci.com.

Stolen ID cards

Military members and their dependents who have their ID cards stolen or lost are required to obtain a letter from their sponsor’s first sergeant or squadron commander, a police report and some sort of picture identification before being reissued another one. Civilian employees, contractors and their dependents are required to obtain a DD form 1172 from the sponsor’s employer in addition to the police report and photo ID. For more information, call Military Personnel Flight Customer Service at 225-9913.

Parking lot closure

There will also be half-road closures along Kuter St. until Nov. 15. For more information, call 225-4082.

Volunteers needed

The United Services Organization is in need of volunteer coordinator. Come expand your skills and experience. The position will be responsible for coordinating a volunteer program and human resources background is a plus. For more information, call 225-2093.
Yokota’s Retiree Activities Office is

looking for volunteer to perform primarily clerical work. Some computer literacy is desirable, but not necessary. For more information, call Jim Thompson at 225-8324 or Rod Bradish at 225-5852.

Immediate openings

AAFES has two part-time positions immediately available for Taco Bell in the Food Court. The working hours are from 4 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 225-3704.

PWOC fall rally

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is holding their Fall Rally from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Yokota East Elementary School. There will be music, prayer, crafts, lunch and more. To register, call the West Chapel at 225-7009.

Thanksgiving crafts

Bring the children to the base library Nov. 9 at 3:15 p.m. to hear Thanksgiving Stories and make a paper bag turkey to take home. Supplies are provided. For more information, call 225-8893.

Extended child care

Yokota’s Family Child care program has subsidized extended care for on-base mission related duty, extended duty days, temporary shift changes, rapid mobilization and deployment. The program begins Nov. 1. For more information call 225-8192.

Teen line

Teens who are faced with an issue or concern can call 225-TEEN and speak with a trained volunteer Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call 225-6207.

Parents forum

The Youth Center is inviting parents to come out and voice their opinion and give ideas for new programing at the Parents Forum. Come to the East Youth Center Nov. 16 from 6-7 p.m. For more information, call 225-7441.

Church anniversary

The Yokota Church of God is holding its 3rd year anniversary celebration Nov. 10 and 11 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Yokota Church of God. The guest speaker will be Chaplain Butch

Varner from Fort Hood, Texas. For more information, call Pastor Dennis Savard at 227-7114.

AFSA meeting

The next Air Force Sergeants Association meeting for Chapter 1551 is Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Yokota Enlisted Club in the Spectrum Lounge. Attendees may bring their lunch to the meeting. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Darrell Schaefer at 225-2046.

New shoppette hours

Beginning Monday the Crossroads Shoppette hours will change to:
— Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
— Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
The East Shoppette hours will also change to:
— Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to midnight.
— Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to midnight.
For more information, call Tina Reynolds at 225-3700.

Giant greetings

Registration for the giant Christmas greeting cards began Wednesday and continue through Nov. 20. There are 40 slots available for units and private organizations that wish to participate. Slots are on first come fist served basis. If units do not have a card from a previous year the self help store will provide some of the materials needed. For more information call 225-7086.

Scam alert

The Federal Trade Commission has issued an alert that could possibly affect many Air Force men and women.
This new scam is uses the classified ads in base newspapers to encourage military members and their family members to apply for guaranteed loans. The ads are placed by an illegal “boiler room” operation. Applicants have to pay significant up-front fees to process their applications. Customers who call the toll free number are told to send money orders to cover the processing fees along with their applications. The applications require extensive background information and in some cases these operations have used the provided information to commit identity theft, accessing credit cards, and opening new accounts.

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PETS

Chihuahua — Wanted for stud service, must have AKA papers and prefer short hair. 090-7176-8745.(1)
Lost — Big black turtle near 4593D Pease Drive, likes to hide under houses. 227-2848.(1)
Iguana — Baby domestic iguana named Dino, looking for a home, includes plastic tank, food and water dish, loves to be held, moving, must sell, \$20 OBO. 090-407-407-58. (2)

HELP WANTED

English teacher — Full time or part time for Japanese elementary school, grades 1-6, must have a B.S. or B.A. and be willing to travel one hour by train to Koenji station. 227-2370.(1)
Day care — For 7 year old, South side garden house. 227-4240.(1)
House cleaning — Once a week for 3-bedroom garden apartment. 227-2569.(3)
Bass player — For hardcore/metal band, original music, i.e. Primus, Korn, Pantera, Metallica, Tool, Japanese national, civilian, male/female, non active duty. 227-8904.(3)

FOUND

Gold necklace — Found at North side playground, female name on it. 227-9492.(1)

WANTED

Support group — Anyone interested in starting a walking support group. 227-2540.(2)
Acoustic guitar lessons — Never played but want to learn, have own guitar. 227-5812.(2)
Phone line — Off-base phone line, \$300. 090-2457-7329.(2)
Clothes — For baby girl size 6-12, winter, will pay fair price for those in good condition. 227-4259.(3)

FOR SALE

Air conditioners — 18,000 BTU, \$175; 12,000 BTU, \$125; 8,000 BTU, \$100; 5,000 BTU, \$75; or all for \$400; porch lanai, \$100 you call you haul; cut-to-fit master bedroom rug, \$50. 227-2172.(1)
CD changer — Car JVC 12-disc changer, good as new and works great, can be used with compatible JVC changer control or with any stock stereo, \$150 OBO. 227-5580.(1)
Slot machines — Japanese style, \$75 each. 227-9123.(1)
Infant snowsuits — Light blue, 0-9 months, used, \$20; dark blue, 6-9 months, brand new, \$25; both are hooded one-piece with zip front and removable mittens. 227-4150.(1)
Baby walker — Shaped like car with attached toys, almost new, paid \$60, asking \$30 OBO; playpen, \$15. 227-4259.(1)
Nordictrack — Walkfit, \$90. 227-4257.(1)
Miscellaneous — 3-spoke 15-inch wheels and tires, fit front-wheel drive Toyota Levin or Corolla, \$350; Sony 5-disc CD changer, \$100; Infiniti studio monitors, \$75; AT&T digital answering machine, \$20; and much more. e-mail forsale@uwe.cc or 227-2606.(1)
Furniture — Two beautiful cherry-colored 7-foot bookshelves, \$75 each; loveseat and ottoman combination, \$250; outdoor table and chairs, \$50; barbecue grill, \$25. E-mail forsale@uwe.cc or 227-2606.(1)
Computer — 366MHz, PII, 64 meg RAM, Compaq Presario, fully loaded, 19-inch monitor, CDR burner, wireless mouse, split keyboard, Koss speakers, \$550. 227-3592.(1)
Miscellaneous — Japanese space-saving bed frame, desk/dresser fits underneath, futon or single mattress will fit, \$110; freestanding basketball hoop, fills with water or sand, regulation size, \$35. 227-

Fuji Classifieds

To submit an ad, e-mail: fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil or drop off at the 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office (Bldg. 315). Advertisements must be for one time sales only, 25 words or less and include a name and home phone number. No more than two ads per family, per week. Ads will run for one week, possibly longer space permitting. The Fuji Flyer deadline is 4:15 p.m. nine days (Wednesday) before the publication date (Friday). On weekends and holidays the deadline is the Tuesday before.

5894.(1)
Telephone line — \$400. 227-5894.(1)
Table — White stone table with living room with thick glass top, \$220. 227-5366.(1)
CD player — Kenwood 7-disc player DP, M5550, with time display, repeat, random, edit, etc., with original remote, excellent condition, \$150. 227-5366.(1)
Bicycle — Ruby red Huffy tandem bicycle, excellent condition, \$220 OBO. 227-4031.(1)
Air conditioners — Three air conditioners: 10,000 BTU, 6,500 BTU, and 5,000 BTU, all for \$150 OBO. 227-9755.(1)
Miscellaneous — Dehumidifier, \$50; lawn mower, \$50; four 185 70 14 mud and snow tires on Toyota 5-lug rims, \$75; Brinkman gas cooker with pan, strainer and LP tank, never used, \$40; GT mountain bike, \$150. 227-4102.(1)
Miscellaneous — Large size air conditioner, \$125; three medium size air conditioners, \$100 each OBO; two 9x12 carpets, \$75 each; two 12x15 carpets, \$100 OBO; all in good condition. 227-8567.(1)
Computer — 366 MHz Celeron with 128 MB RAM, 13 GB hard drive, sound blaster live, network card, modem, Matrox G400 max, 17-inch Mag Trinitron monitor, 48x CDROM, USB hub, mouse and keyboard, \$1,000. 227-3684.(1)
Air conditioners — Large unit, \$150; two medium units, \$100 each; all three used only one year, great condition. 227-4212.(2)
Miscellaneous — Oak coffee table with end table, \$125 OBO; baby walker, never used, \$25; PCS, must sell. 227-3985.(2)
Brakes — New brakes and rotors for 5 series BMW, \$300. 090-8683-6337.(2)
Rims — Four aluminum 4-lug Toyota rims, \$75. 227-4774.(2)
Bicycle — Mountain bike, in good condition, rode only 3 months, moving, must sell, includes helmet, \$25 OBO. 090-407-407-58.(2)
Miscellaneous — Aluminum frame child backpack, \$15; Glider bassinet and sheets, \$35; 4-head VCR, \$40; miscellaneous radio-controlled car items. 227-4774. (2)
Golf clubs — Ping Eye 2 irons, 3-SW, great condition, square grooves, \$325; Golfsmith XPC Plus irons, rifle 6.0 shafts, with 1, 3, 5 graphite bubble shaft woods, excellent condition, \$250; both sets for \$500. 227-4911.(2)
Miscellaneous — Hitchhiker, two-thirds bicycle that attaches to adult bicycle for child to ride on, used twice, \$50; Gemeinhardt KGG solid silver flute, open hole, with gold lip plate, in original case, excellent condition, \$350 OBO. 227-8314.(2)
Miscellaneous — Sony 20-inch color TV, \$50 OBO; Victor 20-inch color TV, \$50 OBO; Kawai electric organ, \$50 OBO. 227-3666.(2)
Power wheel — Fisher Price Kawasaki Ninja, needs batteries, \$120 OBO. 227-4904.(2)
Beds — Two Little Tykes Country Cottage twin beds, one without mattress, \$100, one with mattress, \$150, good condition. 227-4956.(3)

Computer — Two screaming 555 Athalon processors, 10 gig of hard drive space, watch TV, watch DVDs, burn all your favorite CDs, download songs with Napster, play Play Station games with installed Emulator, latest browser from Microsoft, must sell, \$999. 227-5490.(3)
Mess dress — Men’s Air Force mess dress, like new, jacket 42R with new buttons, braid/shoulder loops attached, trousers 34 waist, medium cummerbun, white shirt, \$100 OBO. 227-4746.(3)
Miscellaneous — Bookcase, \$50 OBO; desk, \$50; Yamaha electric organ, only been used a few times, \$1,000. 042-553-8681.(3)
Air conditioners — 18,000 BTU and 5,000 BTU, brand new, work great, both for \$250. 227-2453.(3)
Miscellaneous — Baby bedding, great condition, zoo animals, bright blue, pink, yellow, teal and purple; matching valance curtain, mobile, bumper pads, quilt, dust ruffle, blanket, changing table padding, three sets of matching sheets, must see, \$100 OBO. 227-5187.(3)
Miscellaneous — 18,000 BTU air conditioner, \$175; 12,000 BTU A/C, \$125; 8,000 BTU A/C, \$100; 5,000 BTU A/C, \$75 or all for \$400; porch lanai, \$100; you call, you haul; cut-to-fit master bedroom rug, \$50. 227-2172.(3)
Music equipment — Peavey 412m 300w Sheffield speaker cabinet for guitar, \$350. 227-8904.(3)
AUTOMOBILES
1993 Nissan — Sunny, blue, 4-door, cold A/C, great heat, power everything, JCI until Oct. 2001, runs great, good condition, great gas mileage, \$1,900 OBO. 227-2959.(1)
1989 Nissan — City, 2-door, small, very reliable, AM/FM cassette, great A/C, heat and gas mileage, JCI until May 2002, \$1,500 OBO. 227-2959.(1)
1999 Harley Davidson — Sportster 883, red with forward controls, leather Corbin seat, 7,500 miles, perfect condition, \$6,200. 227-5826.(1)
1990 Nissan — Sunny, black, 4-door, JCI until Dec. 2001, 57,000 K, automatic, power windows and locks, well maintained, runs great, A/C and heat work extremely well, \$1,700 OBO. 227-2172.(1)
1989 Toyota — Celica GT-R, automatic, power everything, A/C, AM/FM/CD, new tires, low mileage, excellent condition, JCI until Aug. 2002, very reliable, \$1,900 OBO. 227-5085.(1)
1966 Volkswagen — Vintage bus, Kombi 13 windows, creme/white, 1600cc/12 volts, very solid, well maintained, 12 CD changer, serious inquiries and offers only, \$12,000 OBO. E-mail killermiddies@juno.com or 042-552-6249.(1)
1990 Mitsubishi — Sigma, one-of-a-kind car, beautiful dark green, loaded with options, fog lights low kilometers, new tires, traction control, 16 months JCI remaining, priced to sell. 227-4070.(1)
1989 Toyota — Town Ace, Super Extra, 4-wheel drive, power everything, new stereo and speakers, low kilometers, 21 months JCI remaining, priced to sell. 227-4070.(1)
1989 Toyota — Levin, 5-speed manual transmission, new tires, new brakes, power steering, power

locks, power windows, power brakes, Pioneer tape deck with CD changer controller, Pioneer 12-disc CD changer, Pioneer DSP, gets more than 400 km per tank, very reliable, fun to drive, JCI until March 2001, \$1,500. 227-9121, no calls after 8 p.m.(1)
1987 Toyota — Corolla, white, 4-door, automatic, cold A/C, AM/FM cassette, well maintained, runs great, just passed JCI inspection this month, must sell, \$750 OBO. 227-4529.(1)
1988 Honda — Civic, baby blue, chrome 16-inch rims, tinted windows, lowered racing springs, Pioneer CD player with remote, a must see, JCI until Aug. 2001, \$3,400 OBO. 227-7913.(1)
1987 Toyota — Hilux Surf, 4-wheel drive, automatic, sunroof, AM/FM cassette, power windows and locks, gray interior, gray/black exterior, runs great, \$2,900 OBO. 227-5902.(1)
1990 Nissan — Pulsar, blue, 4-door sedan, low mileage, runs great, well maintained, power windows, locks and mirrors, Kenwood CD player, \$1,500 OBO. 227-3893.(1)
1988 Honda — Conceri, 4-door, automatic, A/C, power everything, AM/FM cassette, JCI until March 2002, runs great, \$1,500. 227-4212.(2)
1989 Nissan — Bluebird, very reliable, 4-door, clean, automatic, cold A/C, heater, runs great, JCI until March 2002, a must see, PCS, need to sell ASAP. 227-3985.(2)
1989 Toyota — Celica GT-R, automatic, power everything, Nakamishi AM/FM/CD player, new tires, excellent condition, JCI until Aug. 2002, \$1,900. 227-5085.(2)
1987 Toyota — Town Ace van, JCI until 2002; 4WD, blue and silver, runs great and very clean, 12-disc CD changer, \$1,900 OBO. 227-2791.(2)
BMW — 5 series, A/C, Snitzer rims, \$1,000. 090-8683-6337.(2)
1990 Honda — Integra, JCI until March 2002, 2-door, automatic, power windows, A/C, runs great, \$1,700. 042-553-6247.(2)
1989 Toyota — Chaser, JCI until Oct. 2002, \$2,000. 227-4774.(2)
1990 Eunos — JCI until Dec. 2001, \$1,600. 227-4774.(2)
Moped — Honda Dio, 50cc, \$400. 227-4774.(2)
1989 Toyota — Sprinter, 4-door, white, automatic, A/C, power everything, dealer serviced, new battery, JCI until Nov., need to sell, \$800 OBO. 090-6103-7120.(2)
1990 Nissan — Sunny, black, 4-door, JCI until Dec. 2001, 57,000 Ks, automatic, power windows and locks, well maintained, runs great, A/C and heat work extremely well, \$1,700 OBO. 227-2172.(3)
1988 Mercedes — Benz 190E, charcoal, A/C, sun/moon roof, power everything, Eibach suspension, Pirelli tires, Premium rims, JCI until Sept. 2001, \$5,900. 227-8904.(3)
1988 Nissan — Cefiro, silver, JCI until Oct. 2001, \$2,100. 227-8904.(3)
1991 Lexus — LS400, black, tan leather seats, spoiler kit, 18-inch chrome wheels, muffler, CD, JCI until Sept. 2001, \$13,900. 090-8057-7739 or e-mail amani72@hotmail.com.(3)
1992 Toyota — Sprinter, excellent condition, 40,000 K, JCI until Oct. 2001, new brakes, battery and tires, must sell, PCS, \$2,500 OBO. 227-2527.(3)
1990 Toyota — Town Ace Crown Royal van, 4-wheel drive, diesel, excellent condition, new A/C, runs great, everything electric. 225-3666.(3)
1986 Toyota — Town Ace van, gray with stripe, blue interior, sunroof, power windows, locks and brakes, front and rear A/C, automatic with overdrive, JCI until March 2002, \$1,500 OBO. 090-2416-0695.(3)

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*“Show me a guy who’s afraid to look bad,
and I’ll show you a guy you can beat
everytime. ”*

— **Lou Brock**
Former St. Louis Cardinals baseball player



Panthers eat Samurai alive...



Taking home the Japan Football League regular-season title, the Yokota Panthers gave the home crowd a win for the homecoming game. Above, number 22 Charles Baker highsteps his way to a Panther touchdown after intercepting a Samurai pass. Baker's 62-yard return helped cap Yokota's 44-19 rout over Iwakuni's Matthew C. Perry Samurai. Jo-Jo Anthony, right, busts his way through Samuari defenders as he adds to his 92 rushing yards for the day. The Panther ground offense of 411 rushing yards was highlighted by Darren Taylor's impressive 203 yards and three touchdowns. The Panther homecoming victory sealed their bid for the Rising Sun Bowl.



Photos by Capt. John Sheets

Sporting news

Major League Baseball

American Major League All Stars will play Japanese All Stars Nov. 11 at the Seibu Dome. Discount trip tickets are available for \$63. The return time is 6 p.m. For more information, call 225-7713.

Yokota Striders

The Yokota Striders running club monthly meeting is today at 7 p.m. in Bldg. 704 for people who are interested. Visit the Yokota Striders website at www.yokostastriders.com.

Softball tournament

The 2000 Yokota and Camp Fuji Friendship Softball Tournament's playoff round begins Saturday at Wilkins Field. The playoffs start at 10 a.m. and will conclude with an awards ceremony at 2 p.m. Games are one pitch, four inning, single elimination with military and family members from all services.

Halloween 5K results

The winners of Yokota's Halloween 2000 5-kilometer race were:
Mens — Daniel Gray 17:04; Daniel Stone 17:08; Greg Peace 17:27.
Womens — Blanca Gray 20:45; Midori Ithuma 23:31; Kumi Aoki 23:39.

Tour de Tama

The Tour de Tama off-road bike race is scheduled for Saturday at Tama Hills Recreation Area. The race starts at 10 a.m. There will be a barbecue after the race.

Golf tournament

The Tama Hills Gold course Turkey Shoot Tournament is Scheduled for Nov. 18. Call 224-3426 for more information.

Youth sports info line

Call 225-6398 to find out information on cancelled games and updates.

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